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Amend the title of the application by replacing the current title with the following:

**"A Device for Engaging Tissue Having a Preexisting Opening"**

Amend paragraph [0192] of U.S. Publication No. 20040167551 to read as follows:

[0192] FIG. 39A shows an additional anastomosis device 492 that has a fastening flange 493 and integrally formed staple members 494. The fastening flange 493 in this case is a cylindrical ring formed from a tube of a biocompatible metal. The staple members 494 are attached to the distal edge of the cylindrical fastening flange 493. Optionally, there are also proximal fastening members attached to the proximal edge of the cylindrical fastening flange 493. This variation of the anastomosis device can be applied with any of the methods just described in connection with FIGS. 38A-38C37A-37C. If the anastomosis device 492 has been made of an elastic or superelastic alloy, the optional proximal fastening members 495 can serve as spring members to compress the anastomotic attachment, similar to the proximal portions of the spring-like staples 411-411, 420 described in connection with FIGS. 32A-32F.

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